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**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure originally filed with the above-identified patent application with the following Abstract:

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A branching filter and a communication device ~~having~~have excellent characteristics ~~are provided in which the~~and an optimized configuration of the ~~a~~ transmitting filter and ~~the a~~ receiving filter ~~is optimized~~. The branching filter includes a transmitting filter 5 and a receiving filter 6 wherein piezoelectric thin film resonators 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 21a to 21e, and 22a to 22d including a piezoelectric thin film sandwiched between ~~face~~ingopposed electrodes are ~~disposed~~arranged in a ladder ~~type~~type configuration on an opening or a recess of a substrate. The transmitting filter 5 and the receiving filter 6 are connected in parallel to an antenna terminal 3 ~~in parallel~~. The piezoelectric thin film resonators 11a, 11b, 12a, and 12b ~~forming~~defining the transmitting filter 5 and the piezoelectric thin film resonators 21a to 21e and 22a to 22d ~~forming~~defining the receiving filter 6 are different from each other.